

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2629 - SB 3571

March 24, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety to exclude certain information from the written report of a motor vehicle accident investigated by the Department or a report prepared by a local law enforcement officer and forwarded to the Department when such reports are requested by persons not involved in the accident. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor to use an accident report to solicit business.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$352,900 Recurring
\$139,000 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. expenditures – Not Significant**

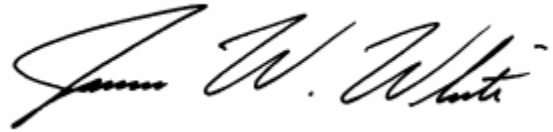
Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety will be responsible for redacting the information of more than 205,000 accident reports submitted on paper on an annual basis.
- Redaction will have to take place on all reports, not just the reports that people request to purchase. All paper and electronic reports are open to inspection without a request to buy a report.
- The Department will need thirteen additional positions. These positions will be responsible for making, filing and microfilming a “sanitized” copy of each accident report submitted by paper.
- For reports submitted and viewed electronically, the Department will be required to develop and implement a new computer system viewer module that will exclude any prohibited information from being viewed.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures for personnel and related operational expenses to redact information from more than 205,000 accident reports submitted on paper on an annual basis.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures for office furnishings and for the development of a new computer system viewer module.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director